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In re application of: : **OFFICIAL**  
WILLIAM S. HALLIDAY, et al. : *Amendment After Final*  
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SECOND AMENDMENT UNDER 35 C.F.R. §1.116

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